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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION
UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria VA 22313

Dear Sir.

This paper is responsive to the most recent Office Action on the merits, dated May 4, 2004, for which a response is due August 4, 2004. Accompanying this response is a Request for a one month time extension. This sets the deadline to September 7, 2004; since September 4 is a Saturday, September 5 is a Sunday, and September 6 is a statutory holiday (Labor Day). Accordingly, this paper is timely filed.

Applicant has given careful consideration to the analysis in the Office Action. Please enter the following amendments and remarks.

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